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JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

1. ORAL PRESENTATION BY RUDENKO GAVE LITTLE HARD EVIDENCE OF
CURRENT OFFICIAL SOVIET HARVEST ESTIMATE. ASIDE COMMENTS MADE
BY CO-CHAIRMAN RUNOV TO QUENTIN WEST INDICATED USSR HARVEST
EXPECTED TO MEET US TARGET. (WEST PRESENTATION CITED CURRENT
USDA ESTIMATE OF 170 MILLION TONS.)

2. USSR SECRETARIAT PREVIOUSLY INDICATED TO WEST THAT USSR
HARVEST WOULD BE MORE THAN 170 MILLION TONS, AND GAVE A
175-80 MILLION TON RANGE.

3. BOTH ESTIMATES AND RUDENKO'S COMMENT THAT USSR HAS HIGH REGARD
FOR US FORECASTS SUGGEST USDA ESTIMATE RELIABLY CLOSE TO
FINAL OUTCOME.
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